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FM AMEMBASSY WARSAW

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INFO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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TAGS: PEPR PL UR COMECON

SUBJ: NEW POLISH AMBASSADOR TO MOSCOW

REF: (A) 77 STATE 304359, (B) 77 WARSAW 9182

1. TRYBUNA LUDU JANUARY 23 ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF KAZIMIERZ OLSZEWSKI, FORMER VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, AS AMBASSADOR OF POLAND TO THE SOVIET UNION, REPLACING ZENON NOWAK.

2. COMMENT: WE ASSUME THE DEPARTMENT IS SENDING EMBASSY MOSCOW UPDATED BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON OLSZEWSKI. FROM THE POLISH PERSPECTIVE OLSZEWSKI IS AN EXCELLENT CHOICE FOR MOSCOW, THE MOST IMPORTANT AMBASSADORIAL POST FOR POLAND. A NATIVE OF THE LWOW AREA, HE SPEAKS RUSSIAN AND FOUGHT WITH THE RED ARMY DURING WORLD WAR II. HE WAS A DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVE TO COMECON (1959-1961, 1970-1971) AND SERVED AS POLISH REPRESENTATIVE TO COMECON FROM 1975 UNTIL HIS REMOVAL FROM HIS GOVERNMENT POSITIONS ON DECEMBER 17, 1977.

3. OLSZEWSKI HAS ALSO BEEN CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT AMERICAN-POLISH TRADE COMMISSION AND ACCORDINGLY IS KNOWLEDGEABLE ON ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND POLAND. IN ADDITION, HIS EXPERIENCE AS MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE (1971-1972, 1974) AND

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AS VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL ASPECTS OF FOREIGN TRADE (1972-1977) MAKES HIM CONVERSANT WITH POLAND'S ECONOMIC PROBLEMS GENERALLY.

4. WE UNDERSTAND THAT NOWAK HAS WANTED TO RETIRE FOR SOME TIME BECAUSE OF AGE (HE IS NOW ABOUT 72) AND POOR HEALTH. WE RECALL THAT HE WAS KEPT IN HIS PRESENT POST BEYOND NORMAL TENURE TO

BLOCK THE CHINESE AMBASSADOR FROM BECOMING DEAN OF THE MOSCOW  
DIPLOMATIC CORPS. END COMMENT.  
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